House Study Bill 532 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____ BY (PROPOSED STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing the Gideon fellowship program in the office
- 2 of the state public defender.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 13B.12 Gideon fellowship.
- 2 The state public defender may establish a Gideon fellowship
- 3 program for the entry level hiring and training of public
- 4 defender attorneys. The state public defender may appoint
- 5 up to four Gideon fellows for a term of up to two years and
- 6 may assign each fellow to a local public defender office or
- 7 appellate defender office. Each fellow shall be a licensed
- 8 attorney admitted to practice law in this state prior to
- 9 commencement of the fellowship.
- 10 EXPLANATION
- 11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 13 This bill establishes a Gideon fellowship program in the
- 14 office of the state public defender.
- Under the bill, the state public defender may appoint
- 16 up to four Gideon fellows for a term of up to two years and
- 17 may assign each fellow to a local public defender office or
- 18 appellate defender office. Each fellow is required to be a
- 19 licensed attorney admitted to practice law in this state prior
- 20 to commencement of the fellowship.